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**F r: "ORGANIC THIOL METAL-FREE STABILIZERS AND PLASTICIZERS
FOR HALOGEN-CONTAINING POLYMERS"**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This invention relates to organic thiol compounds disclosed which can be utilized to plasticize and stabilize halogen-containing polymer compositions, especially poly(vinyl chloride compositions. Compounds of the present invention are utilized in polymers normally susceptible to deterioration and color change, which typically occurs during processing of the polymer or exposure to certain environments.

As authorized and encouraged under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 – 1.99, Applicant hereby cites as a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set for in 37 C.F. R. §1.56, the following patents and or documents, copies enclosed, which the Examiner should consider with respect to the above-identified U.S. Patent Application.

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Copies of the publications are included for the express purpose of providing the Patent and Trademark Office with an ample opportunity to evaluate the same and to arrive at an independent assessment of their materiality, if any, with regard to the examination of the application.

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An official action considering the enclosed items is earnestly solicited.

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